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CHDP Program Letter No: 00-10

**TO: ALL COUNTY CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION  
(CHDP) PROGRAM DIRECTORS, MEDICAL CONSULTANTS,  
STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH  
STAFF AND REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF**

**SUBJECT: CHDP PROVIDER INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 00-05  
REGARDING, "CHDP PROGRAM POLICY CHANGES"**

Enclosed is a CHDP Provider Information Notice 00-05, informing providers of changes in CHDP program policy resulting in the reprogramming of the PM 160 reporting and payment system.

The system was developed with coding conventions that, by today's standards, are considered out-dated. The complexity of the coding and processing has made it impossible to be certain that CHDP claims were being processed correctly.

In the mid 1990's, initial changes were made to the system in order to lay a foundation for simplification of claims processing. These changes involved the development of a patient history file.

The second phase involves changes to the system in order to do the following:

- Maintain consistency between CHDP policy and actual claims processing.
- Automate CHDP audits to reduce manual processing.
- Expand the number of immunization and assessment codes for future use.
- Improve claims adjudication by removing hard coded system data.

The changes in the second phase are now ready for implementation. While the majority of the programming changes made to the system are "blind" to providers, some changes do represent CHDP program policies.

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These revisions to CHDP program policies are identified in the enclosed CHDP Provider Information Notice. Please distribute this Provider Information Notice without any revisions to providers in your county and complete and return the enclosed "Report of Distribution."

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Nursing Consultant.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Maridee Gregory MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maridee A. Gregory, M.D., Chief  
Children's Medical Services Branch

Enclosures